[2-3-4 Warrendale Court](#)

BUILDING INFORMATION

Name & Location:

2-3-4 Warrendale Court
4 Warrendale Court
Toronto
Mount Olive-Silverstone-Jamestown

Owner:

The City of Toronto

Year Completed:

1965

OTHER IDENTIFICATION
Alternate Name:

Warrendale Group Homes

Notes:

John Brown was the centre's director, a social worker who had developed special techniques for working with deeply troubled children during 12 years at a centre called St. Faith's Lodge, founded in 1923 in Newmarket. In 1952, this centre was reborn as "Warrendale", named after the late Mrs. Warren who had been President of its Board for 30 years.

Four buildings opened on the north side of Warrendale Court in December 1965, and each was a group "home" for 10-12 children. Groups were formed on the basis of family-like groupings, with a mix of sexes and ages. Each house had four therapeutic group leaders and one overnight staff person, all of whom committed to work there for a minimum of two years. Two more homes opened by mid-1966, as well as a school and an administration building.

All of the buildings surrounding Warrendale Court were part of the Warrendale facility and are legally still one continuous property. Three of the original four Warrendale group homes remain at numbers 2, 3 and 4 Warrendale Court; the 4th home at number 1 has been replaced by a new building. The semi-detached unit at number 11 housed the 5th and 6th group homes that opened in 1966. Number 15 was possibly the Warrendale school, and number 6 is a newer building that likely replaced the original administration building. These seven building are owned by the City and still house organizations assisting youths in need, e.g. *Youth without Shelter* provides housing for homeless youths trying to complete high school and *CASATTA* assists young offenders to find jobs.

Status:

Completed

Map:

BUILDING DATA

Building Type:

Detached house

Current Use:

Social service agency

Heritage Status:

No heritage status

Map: